GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
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PAYMENT OF VRS DUES TO EMPLOYEES OF HMT LTD.
Kurup Adv. Suresh

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented the Supreme Court decision on payment of arrears to the employees of HMT Ltd. who have opted for VRS under the Golden Hand Shake Scheme;

(b) if so, whether this commitment has been fulfilled so far as the number of employees who have been paid VRS dues; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES(SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV)

(a) The Supreme Court has not made any direction on payment of arrears to the employees of HMT Limited who opted for VRS. However, the Supreme Court has passed orders regarding payment of wage/pay revision arrears of 1992 in respect of all eligible employees of HMT. The Government has made its stand clear before the Apex Court that such arrears shall be borne by the company only out of its own resources.

(b) There are no arrears of VRS due to the employees separated under the VRS in HMT. However, the dues on account of wage/pay revision arrears of 1992 in respect of all eligible employees including VRS cases are being settled by HMT in a phased manner based on seniority of date of separation from the company.

(c) Does not arise.